

To: The Mayor and each Member of South Dublin County Council

Re: Three Year Capital Programme Progress Report – October 2016

Dear Member,

In this second progress report this year, I want to briefly set out the current position in relation to Capital Projects that are active.

Housing

A comprehensive progress report was tabled at the September Monthly Meeting detailing activity across all aspects of “Rebuilding Ireland”. At that meeting 85 accelerated delivery units at St. Aidans were approved. The immediate forward planning priority is to progress a further 125 of these units through Part 8, to facilitate construction during 2017. Subject to the Government’s confirmation of the Affordable Rental Scheme, it is expected we will be in a position to seek Expressions of Interest for the joint venture development at The Grange lands in early November 2018.

Tourism Projects

As reported to the September Monthly Meeting, the Economic Development SPC Update referenced significant progress across a range of projects as follows:

- The closing date for Tenders for Consultants to progress the detailed planning study for the Dublin Mountains Project is the 10th October. This phase will be completed by early 2017. The Project has also been submitted for support funding under the Failte Ireland Major Infrastructure Fund.
- The Round Tower Project will open on schedule for early Summer 2017.
- The findings of a Corkagh Park/Camac Valley Tourism Cluster Study will be brought to Council before the year end.
- The Conservation Study on Rathfarnham Castle outbuildings is underway.
- The next phase of the Dodder Valley Greenway will go to Part 8 by the year end.
- The 1st phase of the Marketing and Branding Strategy has been signed off by the SPC including the Tourism Logo. The remaining elements of the Strategy including website development, marketing material and campaigns, county signage and infrastructure branding are under detailed consideration.

Villages Programme

As reported in May - Rathcoole, Newcastle, Rathfarnham, Tallaght and Phase 1 Lucan will be completed this year. Saggart Village and Belgard Walkway designs have been approved at recent ACMs. Consultant engineers are in the process of appointment for Templeogue, which will go to Part 8 in February 2017. The Village Signage Programme will be extended to other Villages after its successful pilot in Tallaght. Lucan Village is next on the schedule.

Roads and Drainage

The contractor for the €20m R120/Nangor Road Improvement will be in place by the year end. The Greenhills/Ballymount Project will be completed this month, as will the 2016 Commemorative Plaza at Grange road. The proposed access road to the Exchange Hall lands will go to Part 8 by the year end. With regard to our major drainage projects, Ballycullen is out to tender at present. The design team for the Poddle scheme is currently being tendered and the cost benefit analysis for the Camac is being finalised.

Sport, Recreation and Libraries

- Palmerstown Library Hub will open in November. Rowlagh will go to construction in March 2017 and the Part 8 for Tymon library will come before the November Meeting.
- Approval to appoint the selected architects for Lucan Pool was submitted to the Department of Sport on 27th July.
- A major report on playgrounds will be brought to the November Meeting. 13 are complete, 6 underway and a further 8 at initial planning. 5 have not received community backing and may be removed from the list.
- An initial tender to design and build 4 pavilions was unsuccessful. A tender package for a more traditional approach for Old Bawn will issue in the next two weeks. If successful it will be repeated for the others.
- The Clondalkin Equine Project is on site since the 8th August and will be complete by November.
- The Firhouse/Mount Carmel site is the subject of a detailed environmental assessment to be completed by year end.
- A planning application for Adamstown Community Hall has now been lodged on the basis of an agreed design.
- A revised specification and design is now being prepared for the Tallaght Stadium 3rd Stand to accord to UEFA Category 4 status. This brings the projected cost from €1.5m to €2.1m.
- A detailed report has now been finished on Templeogue House, detailing a cost of €1.3m to bring the property into productive use. The Area Members need to agree the future use of this building in advance of committing this expenditure.

Public Realm

- A detailed design for landscape improvements to the N81 will be discussed at ACM in mid October, with a view to it being approved as a 2017-18 project.
- 4 roundabouts are under design as part of the Roundabout Sponsorship/Redesign Programme. The Scholarstown/Templeroan roundabout has recently been completed.

Strategic infrastructure fund

It is the intention to make application to the fund to support infrastructure provision - mainly roads - in relation to the Adamstown and Clonburris SDZ'S, Council lands, Grange and Ballycullen LAP Western lands. If these applications are successful the Council will be liable for a 25% contribution to the cost. I will keep members informed of progress in this regard.

A further detailed report will be presented in December, when the revised 3 Year Capital Programme is tabled for consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive